

<b>CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 6</b>
<b>20 JULY 2022</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

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## **CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPIONS REPORT - 2022 - 2023**

RECOMMENDATIONS	
<b>FROM:</b> Corporate Parenting Committee Chair	<b>Deadline date:</b>
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes the content of the report,</li> <li>• Confirm the Corporate Champion Roles, and</li> <li>• Confirm the appointment of Corporate Parenting Champions</li> </ul>	

### **1. ORIGIN OF REPORT**

1.1 This report is submitted to Corporate Parenting Committee following the recent Cabinet and Committee changes made at Annual Council on 23 May 2022.

### **2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

2.1 This report will allow the Committee to review the current Corporate Parenting Champions positions and allocations, which is in line with the recent Cabinet and Committee changes made.

2.2 This report is for Corporate Parenting Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference 2.4.4.6 To appoint elected members as Champions for Children in Care, with the roles being decided and approved by the Committee at the first formal meeting of the municipal year. Suggested Champion roles are as follows:

- i) Support for Care Experienced Young People (Housing, Finance and Asylum Issues) - Councillor Sandra Bond
- ii) 0-25 Education, Employment and Training (including the Combined Authority and Partners) - Sainsbury
- iii) 0-25 Physical and Mental Health and Emotional Well Being - Councillor Robinson
- iv) Citizenship, Participation and Leisure activities – Councillor Howard
- v) Placement Sufficiency and Care Planning - Councillor Jones (Amendment Proposed)
- vi) Fostering – Vacant (Proposed)

2.3 The report addresses all areas of the Children In Care Pledge and the Care Leavers' Charter. It specifically addresses the requirement to deliver effective support to Children In Care by

validating and triangulating information to quality assure services.

### 3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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### 4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 In November 2021 the Corporate Parenting Committee Champions and roles for 2021 – 2022 were confirmed as:

Champion Role	Councillor
Support for Care Experienced Young People (Housing, Finance and Asylum Issues)	Cllr Sandra Bond
0-25 Education, Employment and Training (including the Combined Authority and Partners)	Cllr Sainsbury
0-25 Physical and Mental Health and Emotional Well Being	Cllr Robinson
Citizenship, Participation and Leisure activities	Cllr Howard
Placement Sufficiency and Effective Care Planning	Cllr Jones

The Corporate Parenting Champion would be responsible for the following:

- a) Meeting with the Lead Officer
- b) Undertaking a site visit
- c) Meeting with a child in care / young person / service user / other officers and discuss their experience of the service for Children in Care
- d) Contributing to a brief report back to the Committee, jointly between Champion and Lead Officer

#### **Key Issues**

Following the Annual Council meeting held on 23 May 2022, changes to the positions of Champions have been reviewed at the Corporate Parenting Committee work programming session held on 26 May 2022 and at the informal meeting held on 15 June 2022. Corporate Parenting Committee members were asked if they wished to be considered as a Champion.

The following have expressed an interest:

Champion Role	Councillor
Support for Care Experienced Young People (Housing, Finance and Asylum Issues)	Cllr S Bond
0-25 Education, Employment and Training (including the Combined Authority and Partners)	Cllr Sainsbury
0-25 Physical and Mental Health and Emotional Well Being	Cllr Robinson
Citizenship, Participation and Leisure activities	Cllr Barkham (new nomination)
Placement Sufficiency and Care Planning (AMENDMENT PROPOSED)	Cllr Jones
Fostering	Cllr Bisby (new nomination)

The appointment of the Corporate Champions will be confirmed at its first formal meeting of Corporate Parenting Committee on 20 July 2022.

## 5. CONSULTATION

5.1 Corporate Parenting Committee members were asked to express an interest in the Champion positions.

## 6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 Ensure there is a more robust approach to supporting the experiences of children and young people in order to improve their lives.

## 7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 Statutory requirement.

## 8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 N/A

## 9. IMPLICATIONS

### Financial Implications

9.1 N/A

### Legal Implications

9.2 N/A

## **Equalities Implications**

9.3 N/A

## **Other Implications**

9.4 The appointment of Corporate Parenting Champions provides an opportunity to ensure that the level of service provided to Children in care and care leavers is to the highest standard.

## **10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 None

## **11. APPENDICES**

11.1 N/A